Recovery of Dues from Foreign Airlines

1633. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign airlines owe to India's public sector oil companies Rs. 400 crore;

(b) if so, since when these outstanding are due; and

(c) what steps are being taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The foreign airlines owe Rs. 419.50 crores to India's public sector oil companies as on 31.1.2000. These outstanding have accrued from 1994 onwards due to levy of sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) supplied to international airlines/ Air India, Indian Airlines on foreign run. Efforts are on to recover the pending dues.

Crude Price

1634. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the crude price in dollar/barrel during last two years;

(b) the crude price as on date; and

(c) the details of duty, tax, cess and local levies charged on basic selling price of petroleum products (Product-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMI): (a) The yearly published average international Free on Board (FOB) prices of crude oil during last two years are as under:—

(figs. In $/bbl)

Year	Dubai	Brent
1998	12.16	12.72
1999	17.30	17.97

(b) The daily published average international FOB prices of crude oil as on 29.2.2000 were as follow:—

Dubai — $25.44/bbl

Brent — $29.32/bbl

(c) The central excise duties on petroleum products are presently as under:—

	Product	Rate of Duty (Fig. in Per cent)
(i)	Motor Spirit	32
(ii)	High Speed Diesel, Light Diesel Oil, Aviation Turbine Fuel	16
(iii)	Liquified Petroleum Gas	8
(iv)	Liquified Natural Gas (LNG)	16
(v)	Superior Kerosene Oil	8
(vi)	Bitumen, Others	16
(vii)	Furnace Oil, Low Sulphur HeavyStock, Naphtha, General	16
(viii)	Furnace Oil, Low Sulphur HeavyStock and Naphtha used as feedstock for fertilizer	0

Additionally an amount of Rs. 1000/KL is levied on petrol and diesel as additional excise duty. Apart from this, State Governments levy recoverable sales tax/irrecoverable taxes at various rates prescribed by them.

Internal consumption of Gas by OIL and ONGCL

1635. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the internal consumption of gas both by OIL and ONGCL, separately; and

(b) what measures have been initiated to reduce the same?